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CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG'S STATEMENT

Calling Upon the People of the World to Unite to Oppose Racial Discrimination by U.S. Imperialism and Support the American Negroes in Their Struggle Against Racial Discrimination

August 8, 1963

An American Negro leader now taking refuge in Cuba, Mr. Robert Williams, the former President of the Monroe, North Carolina Chapter of the National Association for the Advance-

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ment of Coloured People, has twice this year asked me for a statement in support of the American Negroes' struggle against racial discrimination. I wish to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Chinese people, to express our resolute support for the American Negroes in their struggle against racial discrimination and for freedom and equal rights.

There are more than 19 million Negroes in the United States, or about 11 per cent of the total population. Their position in society is one of enslavement, oppression and discrimination. The overwhelming majority of the Negroes are deprived of their right to vote. On the whole it is only the most back-breaking and most despised jobs that are open to them. Their average wages are only from a third to a half of those of the white people. The ratio of unemployment among them is the highest. In many states they are forbidden to go to the same school, eat at the same table, or travel in the same section of a bus or train with the white people. Negroes are frequently and arbitrarily arrested, beaten up and murdered by U.S. authorities at various levels and members of the Ku Klux Klan and other racists. About half of the American Negroes are concentrated in 11 states in the south of the United States, where the discrimination and persecution they suffer are especially shocking.

The American Negroes are awakening and their resistance is growing ever stronger. In recent years the mass struggle of the American Negroes against racial discrimination and for freedom and equal rights has been constantly developing.

In 1957 the Negro people in Little Rock, Arkansas, waged a fierce struggle against the barring of their children from public schools. The authorities used armed force against them, and there resulted the Little Rock incident which shocked the world.

In 1960 Negroes in more than 20 states held "sit in" demonstrations in protest against racial segregation in local restaurants, shops and other public places.

In 1961 the Negroes launched a campaign of "freedom riders" to oppose racial segregation in transport, a campaign which rapidly extended to many states.

In 1962 the Negroes in Mississippi fought for the equal right to enrol in colleges and were greeted by the authorities with a blood bath.

The struggle of the American Negroes this year started in early April in Birmingham, Alabama. Unarmed, bare-handed Negro masses were subjected to wholesale arrests and the most barbarous suppression merely because they were holding meetings and parades against racial discrimination. On June 12 Mr. Medgar Evers, a leader of the Negro people in Mississippi, was murdered in cold blood. These Negro masses, aroused to indignation and defying brutal suppression, carried on their strug-

gle even more courageously and quickly won the support of Negroes and all sections of the people throughout the United States. A gigantic and vigorous nationwide struggle is going on in nearly every state and city in the United States; and the struggle keeps mounting. American Negro organizations have decided to start a "freedom march" on Washington on August 28, in which 250,000 people will take part.

The speedy development of the struggle of the American Negroes is a manifestation of the sharpening of class struggle and national struggle within the United States; it has been causing increasing anxiety to the U.S. ruling circles. The Kennedy Administration has resorted to cunning two-faced tactics. On the one hand, it continues to connive at and take part in the discrimination against and persecution of Negroes; it even sends troops to suppress them. On the other hand, it is parading as an advocate of the "defence of human rights" and "the protection of the civil rights of Negroes," is calling upon the Negro people to exercise "restraint," is proposing to Congress the so-called "civil rights legislation," in an attempt to lull the fighting will of the Negro people and deceive the masses throughout the country. However, these tactics of the Kennedy Administration are being seen through by more and more of the Negroes. The fascist atrocities committed by the U.S. imperialists against the Negro people have laid bare the true nature of the so-called democracy and freedom in the United States and revealed the inner link between the reactionary policies pursued by the U.S. Government at home and its policies of aggression abroad.

I call upon the workers, peasants, revolutionary intellectuals, enlightened elements of the bourgeoisie and other enlightened personages of all colours in the world, white, black, yellow, brown, etc., to unite to oppose the racial discrimination practised by U.S. imperialism and to support the American Negroes in their struggle against racial discrimination. In the final analysis, a national struggle is a question of class struggle. In the United States, it is only the reactionary ruling circles among the whites who are oppressing the Negro people. They can in no way represent the workers, farmers, revolutionary intellectuals and other enlightened persons who comprise the overwhelming majority of the white people. At present, it is the handful of imperialists, headed by the United States, and their supporters, the reactionaries in different countries, who are carrying out oppression, aggression and intimidation against the overwhelming majority of the nations and peoples of the world. We are in the majority and they are in the minority. At most, they make up less than 10 per cent of the 3,000 million population of the world. I am firmly convinced that, with the support of more than 90 per cent of the people of the world, the

American Negroes will be victorious in their just struggle. The evil system of colonialism and imperialism grew up along with the enslavement of Negroes and the trade in Negroes, it will surely come to its end with the thorough emancipation of the black people.

CHAIRMAN LIU SHAO-CHI'S SPEECH AT THE RECEPTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

September 30, 1964

Esteemed Distinguished Guests,
Fellow Countrymen, Friends and Comrades,

With great joy we are gathered here with more than 2,600 distinguished guests from foreign countries and with the representatives of overseas Chinese and Chinese inhabitants of Hongkong and Macao to warmly celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. Present at this reception are delegations of the socialist countries, delegations of fraternal parties, government, parliamentary and military delegations of friendly countries, popular delegations as well as many foreign statesmen, public figures and eminent personages. We are especially honoured by the presence this evening of His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the esteemed Head of State of Cambodia; His Excellency Modibo Keita, the esteemed President of the Republic of Mali; His Excellency Alphonse Massamba-Debat, the esteemed President of the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville); Comrade Choi Yong Kun, the esteemed President of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Comrade J.G. Maurer, the esteemed Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Rumania; Comrade Pham Van Dong, the esteemed Premier of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam; and His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Abdallah, the esteemed representative of His Majesty Hassan II, the King of Morocco. The presence of our distinguished foreign guests is a great support for the Chinese people. On behalf of the Chinese people, the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government, I express warm welcome and sincere thanks to our foreign friends and comrades.

Making giant strides of historic significance and surmounting all kinds of difficulties along their path of advance, the Chinese people have in the past fifteen years achieved great successes in the socialist revolution and socialist construction. The social productive forces of our country have grown unprecedentedly and the mental outlook of our people has undergone a fundamental change. The material base of socialism in our country has never been so strong, the unity of our multinational people has never been so solid, and the revolutionary spirit of our people has never been so high. This is a victory for Marxism-Leninism, a victory for the correct leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman Mao Tse-tung and a victory for the general line for socialist revolution and socialist construction as laid down by the Chinese Communist Party. Our people will rally even more closely around the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman Mao Tse-tung and uphold the correct line of the Party so as to carry the socialist revolution through to the end and build China into a prosperous and powerful socialist country.

During the past fifteen years, the Chinese people have made consistent and untiring efforts in defending world peace, opposing imperialism and colonialism, supporting the revolutionary struggles of all oppressed

nations and peoples and upholding the revolutionary unity of the peoples of the socialist camp and the people of the whole world. Whatever slanders and threats the imperialists may hurl at us, this fundamental position of the Chinese people in international affairs is consistent and will never change. The Chinese people will for ever stand on the side of the peoples of the socialist camp, on the side of all oppressed nations and peoples and on the side of all peace-loving countries and people; they will for ever uphold the revolutionary principles and international justice and continue to do their part in advancing the common cause of the people of the world.

The Chinese people firmly support the south Vietnamese people in their fight against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys, support the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in its resistance against U.S. aggression and support the entire Vietnamese people in their struggle for the reunification of their motherland!

The Chinese people firmly support the Laotian people in their struggle against U.S. imperialist intervention and aggression!

The Chinese people firmly support the Government and people of the Kingdom of Cambodia in their struggle against foreign aggression and subversion and in defence of state sovereignty and territorial integrity!

The Chinese people firmly support the south Korean people in their patriotic anti-U.S. struggle and the entire Korean people in their struggle for the reunification of their motherland!

The Chinese people firmly support the Indonesian people in their struggle against Malaysia, the product of neo-colonialism, and the North Kalimantan people in their struggle for national liberation!

The Chinese people firmly support the Japanese people in their struggle against U.S. imperialism and its agents and resolutely oppose the conversion of Japan by U.S. imperialism into a base for launching a nuclear war!

The Chinese people firmly support the Asian peoples in their struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression and control, in defence of national independence and for democratic rights!

The Chinese people firmly support the people of the Arab countries in their struggle in defence of national independence and against imperialist aggression and support the people of Palestine in their demand for the restoration of their proper rights and for return to their homeland!

The Chinese people firmly support the people of the Congo (Leopoldville) in their struggle for national liberation, resolutely oppose the U.S. imperialists' armed intervention in the Congo (L) and their subversive activities against the Congo (B) and Burundi and oppose the U.S. scheme of making Africans fight Africans!

The Chinese people firmly support the people of Angola, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea in their struggle for national independence!

The Chinese people firmly support the people of South Africa and Zimbabwe in their struggle against racial discrimination and for equal rights and national liberation!

The Chinese people firmly support the African peoples in their struggle for national liberation and in defence of national independence!

The Chinese people firmly support the Cuban people in their struggle to oppose U.S. imperialist aggression and to safeguard and carry forward the Cuban revolution!

The Chinese people firmly support the Latin American peoples in their national and democratic revolutionary struggle!

The Chinese people firmly support the people of the German Democratic Republic in their struggle for the conclusion of a German peace treaty and in defence of their state sovereignty!

The Chinese people firmly support the American Negroes in their struggle against racial discrimination and persecution and for freedom and equal rights!

The Chinese people firmly support the working class and broad masses in Western Europe, North America and Oceania in their struggle against monopoly capital and for democratic rights, the improvement of their living conditions and social progress!

Friends and Comrades! The present international situation is excellent, and U.S. imperialism is increasingly encircled by the people of the whole world. Together with all the people of the world the Chinese people will make persistent efforts and march forward from victory to victory. The people of the countries in the socialist camp should unite, the people of the countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America should unite, the people of the continents of the world should unite, all peace-loving countries should unite, all countries that are subject to U.S. aggression, control, interference and bullying should unite, in order to form the broadest united front to fight together against the U.S. imperialist policies of war and aggression and for greater victories for world peace, national liberation, people's democracy and socialism.

I propose a toast

to the great solidarity of the people of the countries in the socialist camp,

to the great solidarity of the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America,

to the great solidarity of the people throughout the world,

to the great development of the cause of liberation of the peoples of the world,

to world peace,

to the health of our distinguished foreign guests, and

to the health of all our fellow countrymen, friends and comrades present here!

CHINA SUCCESSFULLY EXPLODES ITS FIRST ATOM BOMB

Chinese Government Statement

October 16, 1964

China exploded an atom bomb at 15:00 hours on October 16, 1964, and thereby conducted successfully its first nuclear test. This is a major achievement of the Chinese people in their struggle to increase their national defence capability and oppose the U.S. imperialist policy of nuclear blackmail and nuclear threats.

To defend oneself is the inalienable right of every sovereign state. And to safeguard world peace is the common task of all peace-loving countries. China cannot remain idle and do nothing in the face of the ever increasing nuclear threat posed by the United States. China is forced to conduct nuclear tests and develop nuclear weapons.

The Chinese Government has consistently advocated the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons. Should this have been realized, China need not develop the nuclear weapon. But this position of ours has met the stubborn resistance of the U.S. imperialists. The Chinese Government pointed out long ago that the treaty on the partial halting of nuclear tests signed by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union in Moscow in July 1963 was a big fraud to fool the people of the world, that it tried to consolidate the nuclear monopoly held by the three nuclear powers and tie up the hands and

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feet of all peace-loving countries, and that it not only did not decrease but had increased the nuclear threat of U.S. imperialism against the people of China and of the whole world. The U.S. Government declared undisguisedly even then that the conclusion of such a treaty does not at all mean that the United States would not conduct underground tests, or would not use, manufacture, stockpile, export or proliferate nuclear weapons. The facts of the past year and more fully prove this point.

During the past year and more, the United States has not stopped manufacturing various nuclear weapons on the basis of the nuclear tests which it had already conducted. Furthermore, seeking for ever greater perfection, the United States has during this same period conducted several dozen underground nuclear tests, thereby further perfecting the nuclear weapons it manufactures. In stationing nuclear submarines in Japan, the United States is posing a direct threat to the Japanese people, the Chinese people and the peoples of all other Asian countries. The United States is now putting nuclear weapons into the hands of the West German revanchists through the so-called multilateral nuclear force and thereby threatening the security of the German Democratic Republic and the other East European socialist countries. U.S. submarines carrying Polaris missiles with nuclear warheads are prowling the Taiwan Straits, the Tonkin Gulf, the Mediterranean Sea, the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean, threatening everywhere peace-loving countries and all peoples who are fighting against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism. Under such circumstances, how can it be considered that the U.S. nuclear blackmail and nuclear threat against the people of the world no longer exist just because of the false impression created by the temporary halting of atmospheric tests by the United States?

The atom bomb is a paper tiger. This famous saying by Chairman Mao Tse-tung is known to all. This was our view in the past and this is still our view at present. China is developing nuclear weapons not because we believe in the omnipotence of nuclear weapons and that China plans to use nuclear weapons. The truth is exactly to the contrary. In developing nuclear weapons, China's aim is to break the nuclear monopoly of the nuclear powers and to eliminate nuclear weapons.

The Chinese Government is loyal to Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We believe in the people. It is the people who decide the outcome of a war, and not any weapon. The destiny of China is decided by the Chinese people, and the destiny of the world by the peoples of the world, and not by the nuclear weapon. The development of nuclear weapons by China is for defence and for protecting the Chinese people from the danger of the United States launching a nuclear war.

The Chinese Government hereby solemnly declares that China will never at any time and under any circumstances be the first to use nuclear weapons.

The Chinese people firmly support the struggles for liberation waged by all oppressed nations and people of the world. We are convinced that, by relying on their own struggles and also through mutual aid, the peoples of the world will certainly win victory. The mastering of the nuclear weapon by China is a great encouragement to the revolutionary peoples of the world in their struggles and a great contribution to the cause of defending world peace. On the question of nuclear weapons,

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China will neither commit the error of adventurism nor the error of capitulationism. The Chinese people can be trusted.

The Chinese Government fully understands the good wishes of peace-loving countries and people for the halting of all nuclear tests. But more and more countries are coming to realize that the more the U.S. imperialists and their partners hold on to their nuclear monopoly, the more is there danger of a nuclear war breaking out. They have it and you don't, and so they are very haughty. But once those who oppose them also have it, they would no longer be so haughty, their policy of nuclear blackmail and nuclear threat would no longer be so effective, and the possibility for a complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons would increase. We sincerely hope that a nuclear war would never occur. We are convinced that, so long as all peace-loving countries and people of the world make common efforts and persist in the struggle, a nuclear war can be prevented.

The Chinese Government hereby formally proposes to the governments of the world that a summit conference of all the countries of the world be convened to discuss the question of the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons, and that as a first step, the summit conference should reach an agreement to the effect that the nuclear powers and those countries which may soon become nuclear powers undertake not to use nuclear weapons, neither to use them against non-nuclear countries and nuclear-free zones, nor against each other.

If those countries in possession of huge quantities of nuclear weapons are not even willing to undertake not to use them, how can those countries not yet in possession of them be expected to believe in their sincerity for peace and not to adopt possible and necessary defensive measures?

The Chinese Government will, as always, exert every effort to promote the realization of the noble aim of the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons through international consultations. Before the advent of such a day, the Chinese Government and people will firmly and unswervingly march along their own road of strengthening their national defences, defending their motherland and safeguarding world peace.

We are convinced that nuclear weapons, which are after all created by man, certainly will be eliminated by man.

HALLELUIAH: THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

Last year when I first visited the People's Republic of China, I was astounded by the progress being made in industry, agriculture, science and all aspects of this socialist society. As an Afro-American from the racist U.S.A., I had become accustomed to living in a white supremacist society; a society with no compunction about deceptive lies and smears designed to perpetuate the myth of white supremacy. As all Afro-Americans, I had learned early in life that those who preach and advocate racism are without principles or scruples. They are deliberately deaf, dumb, and blind to the facts of life that run counterwise, or fail to compliment the status quo that they are trying so vainly and fanatically to maintain. Yes, on my first visit to China last year, I learned that the great achievements of its new society are being purposely downgraded in racist America because the white supremacy imperialists are too arrogant in their self-conceit to face the rising tide of the new east wind.

Yes, I was astounded by China's achievements last year, but this year I can merely look in amazement with no appropriate words to transmit what is transpiring here. To honestly appraise China's progress today, one must also look back into her past. Only 15 years ago China was one of the most backwards, brutally exploited, racially divided, and hopeless nations on the face of the earth. Even the racist U.S. Government, with its Negro population brutally oppressed and dehumanized, hypocritically shed crocodile tears for "helplessly poor and over-populated China." Through revolution, sacrifice and unprecedented collective toil the great Chinese people are painfully lifting themselves to their rightful place in the sun. Yes, the new and forceful east wind is beginning to prevail over the old and declining west wind.

If America felt such great sorrow, loved China so much, and felt her to be such a romantic subject for storytelling when she crawled on her hands and knees at the feet of mighty and rich nations, who made her dire poverty an object of curious amusement, then what is the rationale of America's attitude today? The fact of the matter is that China's dehumanization of the past, like the Negro's today, was based on a system of exploitation master-minded by the same racist savages who cloak imperialism in phoney slogans of making the world safe for democracy. If the U.S. Government really believed in democracy and the prosperity of mankind, it would never cease praising the achievements of the people of the great Chinese People's Republic. Mere words offer no means of justly describing the fantastic transformation taking place here. I have travelled across the country. Food, consumer goods and clothing of high quality are more than plentiful, even in the most remote regions. The people are working like beavers for a brighter tomorrow. If the American people could truly see the great transformation of China today, they would demand that those loud-mouthed political thugs, who are making an ass of the U.S.A. before the whole world, shut the hell up.

The progress of China is helping to reshape the whole world. Quality conscience businessmen are streaming here from most of the major countries of the world, excluding the racist U.S.A. and racist South Africa. China's spirit of brotherhood and internationalism is unprecedented, her growth is astronomical.

It was a great feeling for me, an exiled former NAACP official, to be in China when their first Atomic bomb was exploded. No doubt, I manifested more overt pride in the feat than the Chinese people themselves. They are very modest people, and never gloat over their achievements. They merely resolve to work harder and to do better next time. The bomb is not just a Chinese bomb, it is a freedom bomb for all of the oppressed peoples of the world. People are expressing themselves in this manner in cables from many parts of the world, especially from Latin America, Asia and Africa. It is also the Afro-American's bomb, because the Chinese people are blood brothers to the Afro-American and all those who fight against racism and imperialism. Yes, the humble people of China prevail throughout the land. To see China is to see the likeness of the future of the world and Halleluiah, it is written that: THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH.

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More about China next issue.

TO ROBERT WILLIAMS

BY TSO CHUNG-LING

. . . with the support of more than 90 per cent of the people of the world, the American Negroes will be victorious in their just struggle.

— Mao Tse-tung

Your country is so broad so vast,
Yet it does not allow your footprints.
Beautiful is your native town,
But there you may not dwell.

What crime have you committed?
Only that your skin is black.
What law have you broken?
Only that you chaired your NAACP branch.

The KKK sought you everywhere,
The police searched for your trail.
Like bats that dread the shining light,
They tried to put the sun in jail.

You found refuge in Cuba, but your heart
Was with your nineteen million brothers,
Struggling to wrest from Wall Street's hands
Sacred freedom and equality.

Why should the waves of the Mississippi
Swallow Negro corpses in gunny sacks?
Because they were white men's neighbors?
Ate with them at the same table?

Why should flame-charred Negro bodies
Hang from Arkansas telephone poles?
Because they rode with whites on a bus?
Wanted to study in the same school?

Robert Williams,
I see you standing before a map of your land,
Thinking: We must have a people's America,
We can't let the big shots ride high forever.

Robert Williams,
Look around at the whole world.
On the banks of the Yangtse where the sun is rising,
You have six hundred and fifty million brothers in arms.

Surely the day will come
When you'll be welcomed back with flowers,
When you'll stroll in North Carolina's woods,
When again you'll fish on the edge of Old Mis'.

And black and white will sit in the same theatres,
And relax in the same swimming pools,
And till America's soil together,
Surely the day will come.

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